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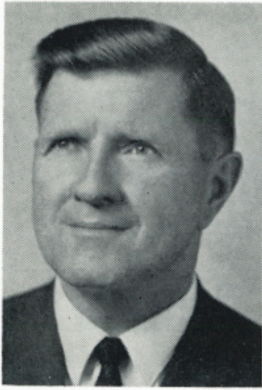


*Fort Utah Marked Beginning of Provo Dating Back to April 3, 1849;*

*Stockade Started Colonization of Valley—Base Of Ute Indians*

*See story page 10.*





## The President's Message

By Verl G. Dixon

### The Preciousness of Time

THE UTAH PIONEERS were constantly helping each other. The Prophet Joseph Smith organized the Relief Society with helping others as the basic purpose. The Boy Scout slogan "Do a good turn daily" is a tower of strength to that organization.

Everyone can do a kindly deed within their ability and with the proper measurement of their time. Dr. Frank Crane, the philosopher, in his advice to young people said: "I would crowd at least one kind act into every 24 hours."

Timing is important in our lives. We speak of time to get up, time to go to church, time to eat and do all the other things in our lives. If these was not a time set for meetings there would be a great deal of time wasted if we ever got together.

When a musician is out of time the music is annoying and irritating. An automobile engine that is out of time either runs poorly or not at all.

One of the most impressive remembrances of my missionary days was the precision of the Swiss railroad trains. You could set your watch by the arrivals and departures. No one had to wait for a Swiss train. If you were not there at departure time you had to wait for the next one.

"We always have time if we will but use it right," said Goethe. We can plan our time and use it right by attending our annual encampment at Provo, August 25 and 26. You couldn't spend the time more profitably or more pleasantly!



HERE IS A WONDERFUL SERMON by Abraham Lincoln that is worth soaking into the heart and the soul:

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*If only history could talk to myself  
As I knew him a year ago;  
I could tell him a lot  
That would teach him a lot  
Of things he ought to know.*

—Rudyard Kipling



You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.



### BOUNTIFUL TABERNACLE

AMONG THE all-too-few Mormon pioneer meeting houses still standing is the beautiful old Bountiful First Ward Chapel, used for many years as the Davis Stake Center. It was here that the first Sons of Utah Pioneers Chapter was organized, May 17, 1946. A recent reorganization meeting of the SUP members in the new Val Verde Stake Center, provided quite a comparison between the old and the new buildings as precious memories were revived by the old-timers present.

A brief resume of the history the pioneer Bountiful building, still in use, taken from Andrew Jenson's "Encyclopedic History of The Latter-day Saints," is timely and interesting reading at this time:

"Bountiful, a town in South Davis Stake . . . The center of the ward (or the Bountiful Tabernacle) is located 10 miles north of Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

Bountiful has the distinction of being the second oldest Mormon settlement in Utah. It is the immediate outgrowth of the immigration which followed the original pioneers under Pres. Brigham Young in July, 1847.

Perrigrine Sessions, captain of the "First 40" of Daniel Spencer's Hundred arrived in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, Sept. 26, 1847 and three days later he encamped on a plot of ground, now embraced in the town of Bountiful, where he made his permanent home. He was accompanied by Samuel Brown and it was these two men who led in building up the city. Soon they had 300 head of cattle grazing on the hillsides and in the meadows.

In the spring of 1848, Mr. Sessions built the first larger cabin for his family and shortly hereafter more settlers emulated his good example.

The original Bountiful meeting house was set up in 1848 and became the religious and civic center of the new community. In 1925 an addition was put on at a cost of \$40,000, with an "Amusement Hall" and class rooms with folding doors opening onto an auditorium seating 1200 people. It served for many years as the South Davis Stake Center."



***Mayor Dixon—SUP President—Extends Welcome To Provo*****Encampment Promises To Be Another 'Best Ever'**

The next SUP Encampment is always figured to be the best ever, and it usually is, if not more so! The gala gathering, scheduled for Provo August 23 and 24 most likely will boost the caliber of these conventions another notch higher, judging by the schedule of events announced in this edition of the Pioneer, the talent and the enthusiasm of the all-star committee long since at work on the event, and the vaunted hospitality of the Provo populace.

A unique and heretofore unmatched situation in the presentation of the encampment is that the president of the guest organization is the mayor of the host city. This setup just about assures the success of the meeting from the top level on both sides and down all the way. As he did in 1967, Mayor Dixon and the City of Provo, have spread the welcome mat long and wide for this colorful and eventful affair with the expectation that a record number of SUP members will be on hand for the festivities.

***Two Provo Chapters***

"Provo is proud once again to have the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers choose our fine city for its annual convention, and in behalf of my fellow city officials, we welcome you. We want to make your two-day visit here as pleasant as possible," said Mayor-Pres. Dixon in his word of greeting. "We are proud that Provo still holds the distinction of having the oldest SUP chapter, the George Albert Smith Chapter, al-

ways a front-runner on our roster, and the energetic Brigham Young Chapter, the co-host group for this encampment."

J. Rulon Morgan, former national president, now judge advocate and member of the national board, the same dynamic promoter who directed the unforgettable 1967 camp at Provo, is again encampment director. David S. Nelson, is vice-chairman and Victor J. Bird, secretary and treasurer. Other committee members: Mrs. Josephine Bird, chairman of ladies activities and programs; Pres. and Mrs. Verl G. Dixon; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McConkie, Mr. and Mrs. Veron P. Curtis of Lehi, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd K. Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dennis, Mrs. J. Rulon Morgan and Mrs. Victor J. Bird.

***Exciting Schedule***

For openers on Friday, Aug. 25, are scheduled: Registration at Eldred Center, 270 West 500 North, noon to 5:30 p.m.; barbeque at Old Fort Utah Park, 200 North 2000 West, 6 p.m. and program following the barbeque.

Saturday is the big day, loaded with all kinds of entertainment and meetings: Registration will be continued from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The regular national board meeting will be held at 8:30 in the Eldred Center.

The two hours from 10 a.m. to noon will be occupied with the national society business meeting, with entertainment for the ladies slated for the same time.

Afternoon headliner will be the Orientation Seminar, under the direction of Dr. Orson Wright, organizer and developer of this new and vitally important facility. Also from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock, there will be tours of various places of interest—BYU Campus, Pioneer Museum, New Provo Civic Center; the Morgan & Payne Art Collection, Hutchings Museum in Lehi and the Provo Temple.

***The Flag Ceremony***

The traditional and colorful Mormon Battalion Flag Ceremony will be conducted at 5:30 at the Eldred Center and the Presidents Banquet will follow at 6 p.m. at the same place. A military ball will close off the festivities from 8 to 11 p.m.

The committee urges that SUP members send in reservations for these festivities, soonest, possible, to avoid the uncertainty of attendance which often-times hinders preparations due to last-minute appearances. A convenient coupon is provided on these pages.

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Back row—Floyd K. Giles, Ronald D. Dennis, Victor J. Bird, J. Rulon Morgan, general chairman; D. L. McConkie, Mayor Verl G. Dixon and David S. Nelson. Absent when photo was taken, Mr. and Mrs. Veron Curtis.

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6:00 p.m.: Barbecue Banquet at Fort Utah Park, 200 North 2000 West Street, Provo, Utah. (Go West on Center Street past the freeway to 2000 West then turn North one half block then turn right into Fort Utah Park area.)

8:00 p.m.: *Outstanding Program* following barbecue at Fort Utah Park.

Public is also invited.

(In case of rain barbecue banquet and program will be held at Eldred Center.)

### Saturday, August 26

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: Registration of late comers.

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.: S.U.P. National Board Meeting, Eldred Center.

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon: S.U.P. National Society Business Meeting and Elections, Eldred Center.

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon: Ladies Entertainment and Program (place to be announced).

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Orientation Seminar, Eldred Center. For all Chapter Officers and Directors.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Special Tours of Interest—BYU Campus, Pioneer Museum, New Civic Center of Provo, Morgan and Payne Art Collection, Hutchings Museum at Lehi and Provo Temple.

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Mormon Battalion Ceremony, Eldred Center.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Presidents Banquet, Eldred Center.

8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.: Military Ball, Eldred Center. (Senior Citizens Eldred Center Orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.)

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Then came the Mormon Pioneers. On March 10, 1849 Brigham Young called 30 men to colonize Utah Valley and we grew and grew and grew until now 1972 it stands out as one of Utah's greatest, friendliest, courteous counties, making "The desert blossom as the Rose."

### UTAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## Fort Douglas Is Designated As U.S. Historic Site

A plaque designating Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City as a national historic site has been placed on this early Utah military base—that is, what is left of it.

The marker was presented by Milton Weilenman, director, State Department Services, on behalf of the Historical Site Selections Committee of Utah.

Accepting the marker was Brig. Gen. Vincent DePaul Gammon, Jr., deputy commanding general, Fort Carson, Colo.

Mounted on a pole near the bandstand at Stillwell Field, the marker notes that Fort Douglas was established in 1862 by Col. Patrick Connor.

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| (No registration fee for wives.)              |        |
| 2. Friday Evening Barbecue, each person;      | \$3.00 |
| 3. Saturday, Presidents Banquet, each person; | \$4.00 |
| Total.....                                    | \$9.00 |

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Invitations have been extended to all who formerly resided in this area, especially pioneers and sons and daughters of these old-timers. Several of these families have planned family reunions for that day in connection with the celebration. Persons 75 years old or older, who formerly resided in East Mill Creek, will be dinner guests of the sponsor Sons of Utah Pioneers, E.M.C. Chapter. The dinner-program will include special recognition of these guests.

Kenneth M. Wiseman and Vay Russell have prepared the program. George Gygi and Joy F. Dunyon, in charge of promotions, have prepared a pictorial souvenir booklet, commemorating the occasion, which will be available at the dinner. It features the fascinating story of the Nathaniel Baldwin pioneer radio plant and its contribution to the community.

The dinner committee consists of H. Leroy Erickson and Woodrow (Woody) Caldwell. The complete committee includes: Harold Smart, Arthur Wiscomb, John Nielsen, Ken Wiseman, Oscar Gray, Frank Bailey, Dale Holbrook, Thomas A. Lambert, Vay Russell, Barr Moss, Les Goates, Joy F. Dunyon, E. Morton Hill and Everett C. Call.

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Guideposts Along The Trail

# Pioneering Today And In The Future; Herein Lies Genius And Greatness Of SUP

By Orson D. Wright  
National Vice-President

"It is an honor and a privilege to belong to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers!"

So said one chapter president following the recent Orientation Seminar at Pioneer Village. And the enthused president continued: "I did not fully realize it, but this organization is really something!"

This observation by a typical chapter president, prompts introspection:

Do we all actually realize the genius and the greatness of this society?

As members we not only catch a glimpse of those pioneers who made history through their sacrifices, but if we really understand the real merits and quality of SUP, we catch visions of future pioneers—people of our times, our every-day life, who will be remembered by their descendants and revered as pioneers.

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## SUGGESTED SLOGAN

Let our theme be: *Pioneering Today And In The Future!* Let us work so that those after us will honor our efforts. Let us build our organization for the future, taking as our guide the pioneers of the past.

The foremost challenge to each chapter is to do something very much worth while. We must do something besides just "meet and eat." To tackle a project for your community is to do something worth while and thereby be a pioneer of our day. Let us keep in mind always that the active and alert chapter pioneers today and in the future.

A second challenge is recruit new members and organize new chapters. The strength of our membership is registered in our zeal and enthusiasm in going out and getting new members. At the last Orientation Seminar the national society approved a recognition lapel pin to be worn by all loyal members to let others know about this organization—its strength and its unity!

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## A REAL TEST FOR SUP

To step out and start a new chapter is a real test for any group. It takes a lot of enthusiasm, devotion and aggressiveness. And yet few of us know how much courage and aggressiveness we have until we put these qualities to a test. We might be surprised. We have found that when one chapter leads out and accomplished this work, others catch the spirit and barge into the project with vim and vigor they didn't know they possessed.

A good thing to remember as we work for new members and new chapters is that while we are pioneering by membership we are also pioneering by inheritance and by character. There is no reason why this

pioneer spirit should not shine forth as a beacon those all around us.

## IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the national officers, board members and chapter presidents who participated or attended the Orientation Seminar on May 6. The seminar was a success because of your participation.

I urge each chapter president to utilize the information gained therein to the benefit of his group . . . The updated sheets for the manual should be placed in the booklet and referred to often . . . And please schedule your elections ahead so as to commence installation of officers in early January each year . . . The complete turnover of election schedule should be completed by Jan. 1, 1974.

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*Beginning Of Colonization In Provo***FORT UTAH: First Pioneer Settlement In Utah Valley***By N. La Verl Christensen*

Announcement that the Utah Lake Lions Club, in cooperation with Provo City, will build a public park at the site of old Fort Utah has prompted many questions:

—What was Fort Utah?

—Where was it located?

—Why was it built?

Fort Utah, you might say, was Provo's first housing project—a sizable number of log cabins inside a stockade built for protection against the Indians.

Indeed it was the very beginning of Provo, dating back to 1849. Begun April 3 of that year, only two days after arrival of the first Mormon settlers here, the fort provided the only practicable means of colonizing Utah Valley, home base of often-hostile Ute Indians.

Fort Utah (also known as Fort Provo) had two locations.

Originally it was built on the south side of Provo River east, it is believed, of the present Geneva Road and north of Center Street—not far from the historical marker erected in 1937 by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (Provo Camp 7) on the Walter Cox property to commemorate its place in history. (The city has since purchased the Cox property and now owns 17 acres to be developed as a park.)

In the spring of 1850—the settlers decided to move to higher ground because of flooding of Provo River which turned the fort area into a “sea of despair.” They built their second fort at the location of present-day North (Sowiette) Park at Fifth West and Fifth North.

*Colonization Plan*

Decision to send about 30 men to colonize Utah Valley “for the purpose of farming and fishing and instructing the Indians” was made at a council meeting March 10, 1849 at the home of Heber C. Kimball in Salt Lake City, with Brigham Young presiding, according to Church historical records.

On Tuesday, March 13, prospective members of the colony met at President Young's office to receive instructions. John S. Higbee was chosen to lead the expedition as president of the Provo Branch of the church.

The settlers and their families numbered about 150 souls, according



—Art from Nicholas G. Morgan collection

*OLD PIONEER FORT IN SALT LAKE CITY*

to some historians. They arrived at the north banks of the Timpanogos (Provo) River April 1, 1849.

Some distance from Provo River the Mormons were met by Ute Indians who blocked their progress until they had “sworn by the sun” that they would not drive the redman from their lands.

At the site where the original Fort Utah was built, the pioneers found fertile soil to the east, south and west; an abundance of timber, especially from “Boxelder Island” where the river forked a short distance to the west; and ample water.

Fort Utah was pretty well completed six weeks after the energetic settlers began construction. This description of the fort comes from PROVO, PIONEER MORMON CITY, published in 1942 by the Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration:

*Description Of Fort*

“Built around an ancient mound, Fort Utah measured 20 by 40 rods,

and was surrounded by a 14-foot stockade with gates at the east and west ends. Boxelder trees, more durable and more accessible than cottonwood trees, were used for lumber. Within the stockade, log cabins, generally roofed with split lumber and dirt, were grouped side by side. Each boasted two cloth-covered windows. (The pioneers had no glass at that time.) Puncheons were used for flooring. The vacant spaces between the houses were filled with pickets embedded closely together in the ground. A cattle corral, attached to the southeast corner of the stockade, was used at night, and a guardhouse was erected within the corral. Smaller private corrals were placed behind some of the cabins. A brass cannon, upon the mound, commanded the surrounding territory. . . .”

Unlike Salt Lake Valley, which had not been a favorite Indian campground, Utah Valley was a treasured haunt and the annual gathering place of the Ute tribes during the summer months. . . .”  
(see FORT UTAH next page)



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## Fort Utah First Provo Settlement

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ing the spawning season when fish moving up the river from Utah Lake could be caught with little effort for traditional feasting.

Relationships were already somewhat strained when the settlers arrived because four or five renegade redmen had been slain by whites in a skirmish near present-day Pleasant Grove March 4 of that year. This was the first battle in Utah between the Mormons and the Indians. It took place when a company of about 30 men from Salt Lake Valley went after the Indian band which had stolen a sizeable herd of cattle. The site of this skirmish was given the name Battle Creek.

Indian-settler relations were further kept off balance repeatedly by thefts and threats by the former and an unwarranted killing of an Indian by three whites Aug. 1, 1849 in an altercation over a shirt allegedly stolen by him.

### Only Outpost In Valley

For a year after its establishment in the spring of 1849, Fort Utah was the only Mormon outpost in Utah Valley.

As the colonization program began to develop, settlements were organized at present cities of Lehi, American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Springville, Spanish Fork, Payson, and others.

In that first year and for a year or two after—until population grew and pioneers chanced Indian depredations to settle on private farms—community life in Provo pretty well centered within Fort Utah.

The colony grew up, to begin with, under ecclesiastical organization and administration, the settlers enacting a few necessary laws by their vote at public meetings.

### Site for City

On Monday, Sept. 17, Brigham Young and party rode eastward to look for a location for a city. They found "a very eligible place" about two miles east of the fort, where the City of Provo ultimately was located.

The General Assembly of the Provisional State of Deseret approved creation of Utah County Jan. 31, 1850 and named "Provo" the county seat—apparently the first use, says one historian, of that name for the settlement. (It wasn't until 1852, following establishment of the Territory of Utah, that the county seems to have been actually organized?)

Provo was granted a charter by the General Assembly of Deseret Feb. 6, 1851, the charter being patterned after that of Nauvoo, Ill.

### Indian War

In late 1849 and early 1850, Indian depredations—including theft and killing of cattle and threats on the settler lives—culminated in a three-day war starting Feb. 8, in which a combined force of Salt Lake and Utah Valley militiamen moved against the Utes in their fortified winter camp in the Provo River Bottoms area.

The Indians were routed with heavy losses. The whites lost one man, Joseph Higbee, son of Isaac Higbee, president of the Fort Utah colony. At least 18 of the whites were wounded. They received medical treatment at Fort Utah where the log house of Chauncey Turner

was converted into a hospital. Dr. Blake of the Stansbury federal expedition rendered medical aid.

In April 1850, the settlers began to move eastward, above the Provo River flood line, and to establish the second fort at the present North (Sowiette) Park area—first on a small basis, then expanding the fort later.

### Fort Saved

(Sowiette Park received its name from friendly Chief Sowiette who is credited with saving Fort Utah settlers from massacre at the hands of war-like Chief Walker in the summer of 1850. Walker, the story goes, was encamped nearby with 400 braves. When he threatened to wipe out the whites, Sowiette revealed the plot to Isaac Higbee, then sent word to Walker that "when you move you will find me and my men in the fort defending." The attack never took place.)

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## THE PRESIDENTS BANQUET AND SEMINAR

# Expansion Projects, Chapter Programs Top Topics



Head table dignitaries at Presidents' Banquet: George C. Lloyd, executive secretary and Mrs. Josephine Lloyd; Vern G. Dixon, national SUP president and Mrs. Virginia Dixon; Mrs. Marjorie Lambert and Thomas A.

Lambert, national vice-president; Mrs. Areba Watkins and Eugene P. Watkins, director and former national president.

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By Les Goates

Expansion, chapter activities and the presentation of life membership pins, were the feature events at the Sons of Utah Pioneers seminar held in Pioneer Village in Salt Lake City on May 6, under the direction of Verl G. Dixon, national president. The climactic feature of the afternoon and evening was the annual Presidents' Banquet with Thomas J. Lambert, vice-president as master of ceremonies.

The proposed calendar of events for the 1972 annual encampment scheduled for Provo on Aug. 25-26 was presented by J. Rulon Morgan, judge advocate and chairman of the gathering. He announced that the two-day program would be held in the Eldred Center and would include a seminar, barbecue, the Presidents Banquet, a military ball and tours around Brigham Young University, the old Utah Fort (see cover page) and the Provo Museum.

The general assembly of delegates heard Adolph Johnson, Temple Quarry Chapter, discuss activities that give spirit and enthusiasm to the SUP chapter. He cited the programs of his chapter to show how enthusiasm and support are maintained.

### Delegates Give Reports

The process of location, forming and installing a new chapter were explained by Ted Cox, Cedar City Chapter. The speaker emphasized the importance of fellowshipping new groups after they are installed. George Everton, Logan Chapter, discussed chapter identity stunts for the encampment and other general gatherings, as media for maintaining chapter spirit. Floyd K. Giles, George Albert Smith Chapter, spoke on chapter projects to keep members enthused.

Under the direction of Dr. Orson D. Wright the delegates, assembled in the Old Rock Chapel heard four-minute reports, as assigned from the following speakers:

Everett H. Call: "Pioneer Stories Contest and the SUP Awards;" George B. Everton: "Life Memberships;" "Pioneer Village" by E. Morton Hill; "Trails and Landmarks," Thomas J. Lambert; "Mormon Battalion," Col. Marvin E. Smith; "Pioneer Magazine," Les Goates; "Chapter Records and Reports," George C. Lloyd, executive secretary, and "Some Recent Achievements," Pres. Dixon.

### Life Memberships

Always the gala event of the sem-

inar, the Presidents Banquet hosted a capacity gathering from all sections of the Mountain West. With no formal speakers assigned, the feature of the dinner event was the presentation of Life Membership pins by Chairman Everton to:

Thomas A. Lambert, East Mill Creek Chapter; Orson Wright, Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter; Pres. Verl Dixon, Provo; George Albert Smith Chapter and Walter L. Ewell, Temple Fork Chapter. It was announced that shortly before his recent death, Thomas M. Woolley, general secretary, had taken out Life Membership No. 100.

Honored guests at the dinner were Horace A. Sorensen and his wife, Ethel, founders and curators of Pioneer Village and Milton Backman and his wife Florence, former national president and auditor for Pioneer Village and assistant director for Mr. Sorensen.

An extraordinary musical program was presented by Lorraine Wilkinson and her family of singers and instrumentalists.

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## Introducing New Executive Secretary of SUP

The Pioneer Magazine, high oracle for the National Board of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, takes sincere pride and deep satisfaction in the appointment of Bishop George C. Lloyd as executive secretary of this national society. Bp. Lloyd succeeds the late beloved Thomas (Mack) Woolley, who was "Mr. SUP" for so many years in this, the top business position for this organization.

A member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers since, 1943, Bp. Lloyd has served in practically all the positions in the society. He was president of the Salt Lake City Chapter in 1947-48 and became its secretary in 1961, serving until March 1972, except that he and his lovely Josephine served from 1968 to 1969 as guides at the Church Visitors Center at Nauvoo, Ill.

Bp. Lloyd was formerly bishop of Capitol Hill Ward and was active in music circles, serving as director of the women's chorus from the Capitol Hill area in the Associated Women's Choruses of Utah.

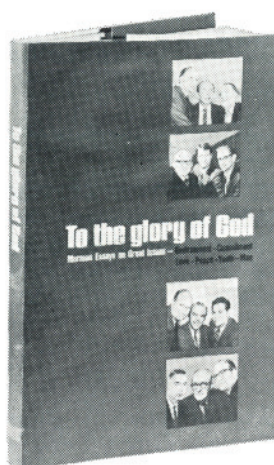
With his wide experience, his love for the Sons of Utah Pioneers and his splendid qualifications for the position, SUP is happy and pleased to see the work rolling out with precision and promptitude under the direction of George C. Lloyd.



George C. Lloyd  
... new executive secretary



VIP's honored at SUP dinner: Horace A. Sorenson, former national president of SUP and founder and curator of Pioneer Village and Mrs. Ethel Sorenson, co-founder and curator; Mrs. Florence Backman and Milton V. Backman, former national president and assistant director and treasurer for Pioneer Village.  
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*On The Trail With The Mormon Battalion***Parades – Programs – Top Summer Schedule***By Col. Marvin E. Smith*

Several interesting events are in the offing which invite your participation:

Veron Curtis, SUP Chapter president in Lehi, reports that the SUP and the Battalion will enter the parade again this year. Last year at the Stock Parade there was a covered wagon and mounted uniformed MB soldiers. On Saturday, July 1st we will participate again in this parade which is connected with the famous Lehi Rodeo.

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Perhaps nothing carries the spirit and purpose of the Days of 47 like the Sunrise Service sponsored by the Pioneer Chapter SUP at 6:30 a.m. July 24 in the Tabernacle on Temple Square. Newly appointed Church Historian Leonard J. Arrington will be the speaker. The Mormon Youth Choir will sing. The Battalion will assist with the Colors. Don't miss this choice experience.

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MB members will carry the Colors for parades at Brighton and Clearfield, also in connection with the Days of 47 activities.

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**ENCAMPMENT TOP ITEM**

Of course we are looking forward to the annual SUP convention to be held in Provo August 25 and 26. Mayor Verl G. Dixon, National SUP President will welcome the organization to his home town. Details are given elsewhere in "The Pioneer".

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Commander Fred M. Reese, Battalion Commander, following another trip to California, reports the organization of a Trail Committee in the Los Angeles area. Edson Follett, son of Marvin Follett of Douglas, Ariz. is heading the group which also includes William Fox and Robert M. Smith.



*Mormon Battalion members at the MB monument during the 1972 Memorial Service: L to R—William Erickson, S. Roy Chipman, R. Dennis Rider, Charlie E. Pomeroy, Vernon Curtis, Allen Crowe, Owen Clark, Harold H. Jenson, Oliver R. Smith and Elmer B. Jones.*

In the San Diego area Battalion activities are being coordinated by two good men: Paul Loeffe and Dr. Von Packard.

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Edson Follett staged a one-man march of 65 miles from Warner's Ranch to San Luis Rey to commemorate the date and time of arrival of the original Battalion on the west coast.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Major Elmer B. Jones, Battalion Adjutant, directed one of the most appreciated Memorial Day services ever held at the site of the Battalion Monument on the State Capitol grounds. Fifty people turned out in the early morning to hear Dr. Oliver R. Smith, professor of journalism, BYU. Owen Clark sang a medley of

songs of the period of the Battalion enlistment and accompanied himself on the guitar. R. Dennis Rider was bugler for the occasion. Charlie Pomeroy was in charge of the gun salute. Captain Veron Curtis represented the Lehi group at the services. The Flag raising was performed by William E. Erickson.

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George B. Everton, former National President SUP, located the words and music to a song which was sung at the farewell of the MB.

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Saturday evening, Aug. 26, on the occasion of the President's Banquet and dance, members are reminded to wear uniforms, and their ladies to wear Pioneer dresses. Col. Fred M. Reese will direct the Grand March which opens the military ball following the Banquet.

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# Chapter Eternal

## Fred C. Graham

Fred C. Graham, 97, noted Utah tenor, music impresario and showman since 1890, and oldest member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died May 24, 1972 of natural causes in a Salt Lake City rest home. He lived at 5667 Holladay Blvd. in Salt Lake County.

He made his singing debut as a boy soprano at age 14 and forthwith was given a part in a popular minstrel show. He was much in demand after that and toured the country with a repertoire company playing comedy, bit parts, singing roles and the usual hero and villain parts in "ye aulde meller drammer."

Mr. Graham married Allie Belle Bishop on June 11, 1896 in the Salt Lake Temple, following a mission to the Western States. In 1906 he opened the Graham Music and Lyceum Bureau, which he operated for 60 years. He brought many of the world's greatest singers and instrumentalists

to Salt Lake City—to the old Salt Lake Theater, the Orpheum and the Tabernacle.

Throughout his promotional career, Mr. Graham continued to sing throughout the Mountain West and eastern music centers. He was a member of the historic old Salt Lake Theater Quartet—Fred Graham, George Pyper, Hugh W. Dougall and Willard Andelin. He toured the opera beat singing opposite to Emma Lucy Gates, Utah's most famous opera singer. He was also soloist with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

He was president of the Utah Federation of Music Clubs and the International Platform Association.

Survivors include sons Douglas I. and Edward W., both of Salt Lake City; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sarah Price, Seal Beach, Calif.

Graveside services were held May 26 in Wasatch Memorial Park.

## David Edward Judd

David Edward Judd, 84, long-time active member of the Salt Lake City Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, banking officer and civic worker, died May 23, in a Salt Lake hospital, of a stroke.

Mr. Judd was president of the Junior Bank Officers Assn. and the Salt Lake Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. He was executive vice president and trust officer of the Utah Savings & Trust Co.

His civic activities included membership in the Exchange Club and the Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Utah Division of the American Cancer Society and treasurer of the Utah Opera Assn.

In religious activities Mr. Judd served in the presidency of the Ensign LDS Stake and as a counselor in

the presidency. He was president of the stake from 1950 to 1959 and was bishop of Ensign Ward from 1946 to 1950.

David Edward Judd was born March 30, 1888 in Hoytsville, Summit County, to Charles and Lois Gunn Judd. He married Hazel Stoddard Feb. 22, 1915 in Magrath, Alberta, Canada.

He is survived by his widow; sons, daughters, Edward Charles, David Stoddard, Mrs. Marjorie Stoddard, Mrs. Marilyn Sheranian, all Salt Lake City; Mrs. Patricia Stone, Modesto, Calif.; 32 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 26 in the Murray 23rd LDS Chapel and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

## Glen S. Shields

Glen S. (Sandy) Shields, 60, former prominent resident of Tooele, Utah, and member-at-large, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died at his home at Camp Huward, near Seoul, Korea, on May 6, 1972.

He was founder and operator of several Utah businesses including: Tooele Malt Shop, Sandy's Grocery, Sandy's Sports Shop; Shields Sports and Gift Shop in Pleasant Grove. Mr. Shields was Tooele County Red Cross chairman, a city police officer and member of the Jaycees and Lions. He attended the U. S. Army Surveillance School at Savannah, Ga.

In church activities he was counselor in the YMMIA and Sunday School of his ward and served on a stake mission. He was in the U. S. Civil Service Program as an ammunition inspector for 10 years in Savannah, Ill., Flagstaff, Ariz., Herlong, Calif., and the Tooele Army Depot, and performed the same services in Korea.

Glen S. Shields was born Jan. 24, 1912 in Lincoln, Tooele, County, to Arthur G. and Alice Spray Shields. He married Maxine Walters, Mar. 31, 1933 in Nephi, Utah, marriage later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors: widow, Herlong, Calif.; sons, daughters, Dr. Jay Glen, Val James, Mrs. Robert D. (Shauna Jo) Wenger, all Bountiful; Mrs. Jan H. (Janice Lyn) Nelson, Labrador; 12 grandchildren; brothers, sister, A. Elden, Leo S., Lloyd (Gus), Thurman (Toby), Mrs. Nile (Vera) Taylor, all Tooele; Raymond M., Salt Lake City; L. Grant, Provo.

The body was returned to Tooele for funeral services and burial which was directed by Tate Mortuary.

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## Dixie Mission Group Visits Some Places Of Historic Interest

ST. GEORGE, Utah—The "Dixie Mission" chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is organized and meeting monthly at the McQuarry Memorial Building.

The officers are making an effort to increase the membership of the chapter. About 50 or 60 prospects are being contacted.

During the summer months, the meetings are interspersed with treks to places of historical interest.

The last trek took place on April 24, 1972, when 62 people, consisting of members, friends, and wives visited Overton, Nevada and were treated with a talk pertaining to the early history of that town. The group then proceeded to the rebuilt Indian ruins south of Overton and then to the Valley of Fire, after which the trek ended at the boat docks on Lake Mead.

Appropriate music and explanations took place at all the places visited.



### Franklin J. Foulger

Franklin James Foulger, 84, long-time active member in the Salt Lake City Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died of natural causes on June 5 in a Salt Lake City hospital.

He was best known among SUP members as the assistant dispensing officer for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a position he held for many years. He was former superintendent of the Budge Hospital at Logan, Utah and the Rock Springs Hospital in Wyoming.

In church activities Mr. Foulger was former bishop of the Paris, Idaho Ward and served in the bishopric of the South 18th Ward in Salt Lake City.

Franklin James Foulger was born Oct. 8, 1887 in Ogden, Utah, to Fred-

## Nostalgic Ride To Saltair Lures Railroad Society

A nostalgic journey into the past was taken June 11 when the Promontory Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society pulled back the throttle on an excursion train to historic old Saltair on the shores of Great Salt Lake.

The train—powered by a diesel locomotive which pulled both closed coaches and open-air cars—left from 22nd West and 4th North at 1:30 p.m. and returned during the late afternoon.

Four hundred passengers made the trip, according to Lester L. Tippie, chapter president. Adults paid \$1.50 and children 75 cents for the trip.

erick and Isabel Burton Foulger. He married Lucille Farr, May 28, 1913 in the Salt Lake Temple. She died on February 8, 1956.

Survivors: widow, brothers, sisters, Herbert B., Delbert B., Mrs. Frank (Belve) Long, all of Ogden; Mrs. Thomas Fuller, Eagle, Idaho.



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# LETTERS TO THE Editor

—Art Courtesy Utah State Historical Quarterly

## Seeks Philemon Merrill Diary

I have been interested in reading about the Mormon Battalion in *The Pioneer*. My great great grandfather, Philemon Christopher Merrill, was the adjutant of the Mormon Battalion. He later led a march overland from Santa Barbara to Sacramento where he led a group of Mormons to Salt Lake over the Sierras with Samuel Brannan.

Unfortunately, his arduous efforts seem to have been lost to history; on a recent trip to Salt Lake City, I couldn't even find his name on the monument to the Mormon Battalion—yet he is remembered and honored by the Society of California Pioneers. I also cannot find his diary—and yet he went on to serve as a missionary in England, commander of the Davis County Forces in the Utah War, colonizer in Soda Springs and Salmon River, Idaho, and then in his late '50's' colonizer of St. David, MacDonald, and Tombstone, Arizona.

With the assistance of the Coe Collection of Yale University and the Rollins Collection of Princeton University, I have been able to piece together Merrill's life through contemporaneous sources. However, I would like to find his diary or diaries

and have them published to a larger audience of both Merrill's and individuals interested in this fascinating episode in our heritage.

At this time that we are celebrating the efforts of such men as Merrill in building what today is our heritage, I think that the Society of Utah Pioneers could render a great service by devoting a section of the *Pioneer* to advertisement for the diaries of the members of the Mormon Battalion.

I certainly would like to find my great-great grandfather's diary and I am sure there are other descendants of these men who would like to find the whereabouts of their ancestor's notes and thoughts during what is still considered one of the longest overland marches ever undertaken. Hopefully, with such information as is contained in these diaries and notes we could understand the real vicissitudes of the march we celebrate this year.

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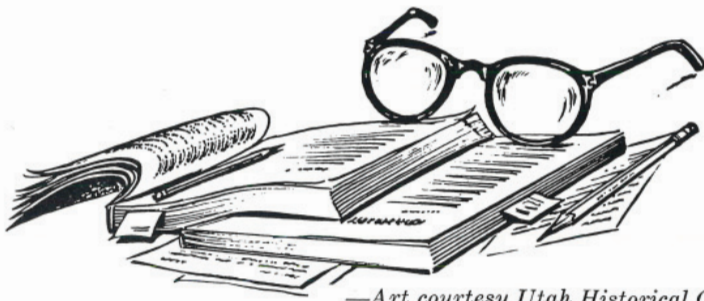
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Grant, a life-member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, with the publication of this splendid volume, must now add the title of "writer" to his many accomplishments. The book is written in a smooth and inviting style, comparable to that of many noted authors.

Starting with his boyhood in which he tabs himself a carefree and wayward youth, just for openers Grant picks up some of his exciting and meaningful experiences in World War I, during which he advanced from buck private to captain. The sheriff makes the life of an army man quite fascinating—even inviting.

An angle of charm and romance is provided with the account of Grant's romance with his lovely lady and her enlistment in the army also, as a WAC in World War II. Quite pleasingly a portion of the book is devoted to "Frankie," the Young's all-America type daughter, one of Utah's Days of 47 queens and a horse-woman in her own right, and their fine son, is told with excellent pictures.

The Youngs might well have amassed a fortune with their thor-

oughbred horse breeding and training business, but gave it up, and some 400 acres of valuable property near Val Verda, to devote more time to the church.

One need never to have met Sheriff Young personally to love the man, after reading his story, told in such a humble, frank and sincere manner. A devoted father, husband and church worker, and son of a pair of noted pioneer actors from the old Salt Lake Theater, Grant Young came into a heap o' livin' through his noble ancestry.

"Retrospections Of A Sheriff, Soldier and Horseman" surely must

be one of the finest autobiographies ever to come before Utah's pioneer-loving populace. —HAL JENSON

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An important new book for libraries, collectors, and students of western art is *A Bibliography of the Published Works of Charles M. Russell*. Compiled by Karl Yost and Frederick G. Renner, this University of Nebraska publication (\$25.00) lists approximately 3,500 citations of publication of Russell art through 1966. Not only is this a definitive reference work on the subject, but it also is a handsome publication, liberally illustrated in color.

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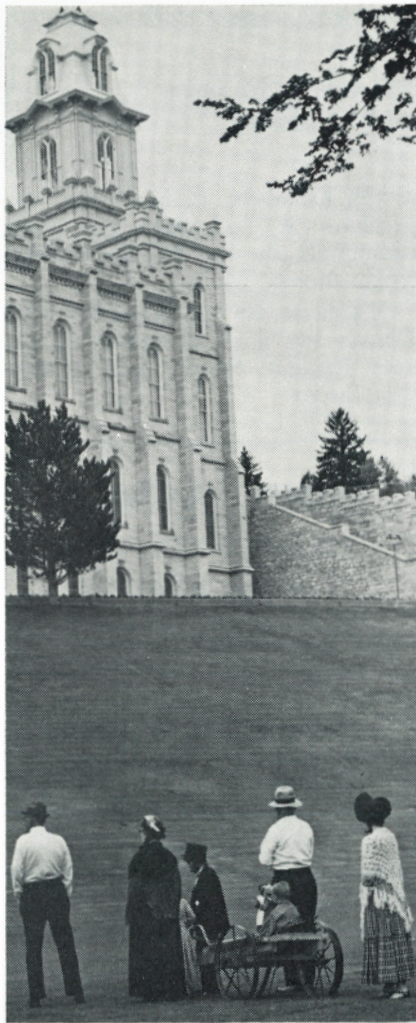
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The "Mormon Miracle" has proved a miracle to Manti, Sanpete Valley and all of southern Utah. It began with the inspiration that came to Grace Johnson when she wrote a small booklet by that name which was used by many wards and stakes as the Mutual Improvement Association road show of the year.

Miracles pop up on every hand in the preparation and presentation of this captivating spectacle: It was a miracle when Francis Urray, the great Mormon thespian and Mack-sene Smith Rux, renowned director and producer, were engaged to lend the project their splendid talents. Their training and background in the allied arts—casting, staging, directing and costuming—have given "The

Miracle" high professional status, along with numerous other principals.

### Unity Of Purpose

The unity of purpose among the cast, the directors and particularly the Manti townsfolk—all of Sanpete County for that matter—is and has been another miracle. This incidence includes the scores of voluntary workers who have readied the grounds, hauled in and out thousands of chairs, scenery and such props. The slogan seems to have been always: "It's Our Pageant; Let's Get Involved!"

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## Historical Highlights

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### UTAH'S OLDEST LADY

With the passing of Mrs. Annie Catherine Erickson Benson, the mantle of Utah's oldest woman passes to Mrs. Lois Elzette B. Whittaker, 104, of Circleville, Utah. This grand old lady celebrated her birthday on May 3 with a family party which she enjoyed exceedingly. Despite her remarkable longevity, her eyesight is fairly good and she does considerable reading with the aid of glasses. Her hearing also is quite good for a lady of 104.

She was born in Parowan in 1868, daughter of Lorenzo and Synthelia Guynor Barton. Her mother died when Annie was three and she was reared by the Rev. Arthur B. Cort, a Presbyterian minister.

Annie married Taylor Whittaker, Oct. 1, 1890 at Junction, Piute County. He died Feb. 18, 1940. She has seven of her nine sons and daughters still living, and all but one, Mrs.

Wilford (Cora) Meeks of Kanab, reside in Circleville. Her sons are James, Christopher, Arthur, Caryle, Rollo and Kent. She has 34 grandchildren, 71 great grandchildren and 11 great great-grandchildren.

Before her age curtailed her activity Grandma Benson was active in the Mormon Relief Society.

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### SEATTLE REBUILDING

During his recent visit to Seattle, this historian noted that this progressive city is active making northwest history live again. It is rebuilding many old streets and buildings to appear as they did in the far yester-years. The "Waterfront" and the old "Bowery" are undergoing \$1 million changes. Once dangerous "Skid Row" is now a safe rendezvous, with parks and museums providing much charm and splendor to the environment.

Some historic old ships have been restored for excursions going again

to the Klondyke. Pioneer plays and pageants are scheduled in parks throughout the city for the summer tourist travel.

(Likewise, isn't it wonderful what Denver has done to restore its historic Laramie Street, as a pioneer thoroughfare?)

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## **Rules For Awards Chapters Urged To Send In Applications**

Every year since 1960 the National Association of Sons of Utah Pioneers has presented beautiful walnut trophies, featuring covered wagon pulled by a team of oxen, to the "Man of the Year," INDIVIDUAL AWARD, to the OUTSTANDING CHAPTER, and the MAN AND WIFE Outstanding Couple.

The Awards Committee hopes that each chapter president will submit an application for awards, by July 15. This is an extended date, to coincide with the due date for Pioneer Stories. All applications for awards should be sent to the Awards Committee, in care of the National Office. Here are the rules for this competition:

### **INDIVIDUAL AWARD**

No elected officer of the National Society of the S.U.P. shall be a candidate for an award.

The candidate for an award must be a member of S.U.P.

Every candidate for an award shall be judged on his *outstanding service* to his chapter.

Every candidate for an award shall be one who has rendered *outstanding service* to his community and church.

Every candidate shall have demonstrated a *commendable attitude* and active interest in his *duties as a citizen*.

### **CHAPTER AWARD**

The following qualities and conditions will be used in judging a chapter for the Award:

The chapter must be *affiliated* in *good standing* with the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

The chapter must be *fully organized*.

Every chapter will be judged on its *outstanding service* to SUP.

A factor in judgment will be *attendance* of members to the chapter's meetings and functions.

The chapter must be *outstanding* in *enlistment of new members* and their acceptance.



NEW OFFICERS EAST MILL CREEK CHAPTER: Front row, from left—Col. Oscar Gray, 2nd vice president; Joy F. Dunyon, 1st vice president; Arthur Wiscomb, president; Dale Holbrook, president-elect; B. N. (Bob) Robison, director; Kenneth M. Wiseman, past-president. Back row—John Nielsen, secretary-treasurer; Eugene Duffin, director; Robert Gehring, director; George Gygi, historian; Woodrow (Woody) Caldwell, director.

## **It's Pioneer Stories Time Again!**

## **Chapters Urged To Encourage Participation**

Once again comes time for all good chapters and true to get in their entries to the SUP Pioneer Stories Contest. The Awards Committee, headed by Everett H. Call, urges all chapters to persuade their members and their folks who can write, to delve into their family histories for the interesting stories that most surely be hidden away there.

Why Pioneer Stories?

1. To obtain preserve and publicize true stories of our pioneer ancestors.
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3. For the enjoyment of this type of literature. Everyone loves a good story. They are more precious when true, and about someone dear to us.

Rules:

The story must be a true Utah Pioneer experience, or biography of not more than 1500 words. Contest closes July 15, 1972.

Awards:

Valuable medals are given to first, second and third place winners of Senior Division, 18 years old and over. Also to winners of the Junior Division, 11 to 17 years old. Winners will be recognized and receive their medals August 26, 1972, at the National Encampment at Provo, Utah.

### **APPLICATION**

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***EAST MILL CREEK HISTORY -PART IV*****Log Cabin School Planted Love Of Learning***By Joy F. Dunyon*

Beautiful school buildings now grace the landscape in picturesque old East Mill Creek community, in the southwest Salt Lake Valley. Large impressive facilities with every need a boy or girl could wish are available to the youth. These modern structures however, do not create the nostalgia in the hearts of the students which the former frontier-type buildings and dedicated teachers have always aroused.

After the security of the home and food were provided, the people of East Mill Creek established "home schools." Here was planted the seeds of education in the community and the love of learning that has always characterized the people of the area. Long remembered and revered were Julian Moses and Amy Smith, two of the very first teachers.

Martha Ann Russell, describes her first school experiences in the homes of various families in her immediate neighborhood:

"The first three terms of the community school came to the home of Henry B. Skidmore. The teacher was Sarah Skidmore. On another season it was at the home of John Osguthorpe.

School also came to the Russell home with teachers by the name of Augusta Winter and Harriet Stillman Curtis. The teachers themselves had little education. The only prerequisites for becoming a teacher were being able to read, write and do some arithmetic—and the love of teaching."

***Unschooling Teachers***

Sometimes the teacher had only a few seasons of schooling. Martha Ann states that "Some of our teachers could take the greater number from the lesser and never know it. Each child had a slate to write on with some chalk. The few books they did have were a luxury."

After the "home schools," came the "Old Log School House" in 1853-54.



*East Mill Creek's first district school was built in 1893.*

Martha Ann records that the log school house was built on her father's property. This was at about Evergreen Ave. and 2940 East. He donated the logs for the building and it was constructed as a joint community project. It wasn't very large, being 24' x 26'. It had one door with four windows. A large pot-bellied stove heated the building. It was the job of the boys to keep the wood box full and the fire going.

The room was equipped with long, rough log benches. The teacher had a desk made of the same material, and it was rough and unfinished. Of course, more than one class was being taught at one time even though many of the children of the community did not attend school. Only those children whose parents could afford a dollar a child a term could attend school.

***Used Hickory Stick***

It was said of Julian Moses that if he felt a strong punishment was necessary in his classroom he used the hickory stick.

This log school house was used for other purposes also. Church was held here on Sunday and many a gay time was had in this building. This building served the community for 24 years. After the people discontinued using it, Moses Wilkinson bought the building and moved it onto his property, 3499 South 23rd. East. Grandma Wilkinson lived in it alone after rearing 11 children there.

From 1878 to 1893 school was held in the East Mill Creek Chapel at which time a "grand new" First District School house was built about one-half block to the north. Many of the residents of the community have fond memories of classes held here and as one becomes acquainted he wonders if many courtships didn't start within its walls.

(1) Acknowledgement: "The Living Community Of East Mill Creek" by Maurice J. Wilkinson" was the source from which most of the above article was quoted.

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*S. Gaylen and Mary Young*

### **SUP COUPLE ACCEPT CHURCH MISSION**

Gaylen Snow Young, long-time devoted SUP Member, former national president, prominent Salt Lake City attorney and devoted Church worker, has been called with his wife Mary, to serve as a guide at the Oakland Temple Visitors Center.

They will leave four children and 22 grandchildren in Salt Lake City for the customary two to three-year mission.

Gaylen, a grandson of both President Brigham Young and of President Lorenzo Snow is best known to our group as the compiler of the recently published history of the Salt Lake Club and as a past President of both the national society and of the

Salt Lake Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He is well known in the legal profession as a practicing attorney with 50 years experience, including four years as a city judge. He was also one of the organizers of the Salt Lake County Bar Association in 1930.

He served for 22 years as a guide on Temple Square and since January 1962 has been an ordained temple worker. His wife, Mary Ross Young, has served on the Relief Society General Board for 17 years. They will be greatly missed by their many friends here, but will perform a great work in representing the church at the Oakland Visitor's Center.

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## **Richard W. Moyle New Chief Of Pioneer Chapter**

Richard W. Moyle, 3609 Dover Hill Rd. is the new president of the Pioneer Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He was elected at the regular bi-monthly business meeting of the chapter on May 10, 1972.

Others elected to office included: Rees Jensen, president-elect and former president; Warren B. Davis, first vice-president; Edwin C. (Ted) Skeen, second vice president; B. Jackson Wixom, secretary; Cloyd Wangsgaard, treasurer and Lorin D. Wiggins, historian.

## **Joseph Smith, Sr. Family Reunion Called at Nauvoo**

On Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19, 1972, the many descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith are invited to attend a family reunion in historic Nauvoo, Illinois. This reunion is being planned by members of cooperating Smith Family organizations to whom Joseph Smith, Sr., is honored patriarch and common ancestor.

The goals of the reunion are, in part, to compile a complete record of the descendants of Joseph Smith, Sr., and Luck Mack Smith, to cultivate the type of relationships and interests necessary to have a successful family organization, and to maintain all family ties and associations.

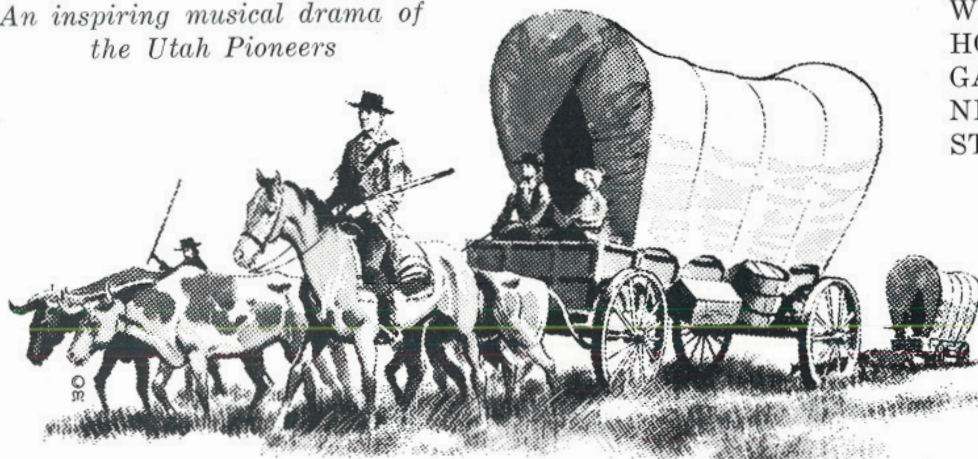
The reunion will begin in the Nauvoo Visitors Center, Friday, August 18th at 9 A.M. It will officially end Saturday, August 19th at 6 P.M. Activities include a program entitled "Meet Our Family." Joseph Smith, Sr., and Lucy Mack Smith will be featured in an enactment, to introduce their children—Alvin, Hyrum, Sophronia, Joseph, Samuel Harrison, William, Catherine, Don Carlos, and Lucy, who will tell about themselves.

This is believed to be the first time members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and members of the Reorganized Church, belonging to this historic family, have met in a family reunion. The reunion committee has requested that discussions be confined to family topics and that religious and doctrinal matters be completely excluded.



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